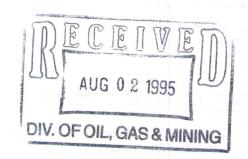


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July 31, 1995



Mr. D. Wayne Hedburg, Permit Supervisor State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 355 West North Temple 3 Triad Center, Site 350 Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

> Re: Drum Mine, Millard County, Utah Permit Transfer, ACT/027/007

Dear Mr. Hedburg:

With reference to Lowell Braxton's July 10, 1995 letter to Jumbo Mining Company, please be advised that Western States Minerals Corporation ("WSMC") is prepared to cooperate in the remaining permit transfer process as discussed on Page 3 of that letter.

It is our understanding that the replacement surety necessary for the permit transfer is based upon those portions of the estimate that relate to the original Drum Mine site. Consistent with the Order of the Colorado Court that transfer should be accomplished forthwith, the amounts estimated for "Jumbo-Alto/Keystone/Monarch/Ibex" and "Jumbo-Mizpah Pit and New Heap" are irrelevant to the referenced permit transfer and can be negotiated after the transfer is accomplished.

Based upon Mr. Braxton's letter, it is our understanding that the amount of the surety required to accomplish the remaining permit transfer is determined in the following manner:

DOGM Current Estimate

WSMC's Portion of Original Entire Site Jumbo's Portion of Entire Site	\$ 124,700 168,600
Total Original Entire Site	\$ 293,300

Jumbo Surety Already Posted

Jumbo surety already in place applic original site (to WSMC's knowledge):	
TIONAL REQUIRED FOR REMAINING PERMIT	TRANSFER \$ 150 300

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Attached is an analysis of the DOGM estimate for the original Drum Mine site compared to the proposed reclamation surety that Mr. King offered in his letter to DOGM dated February 8, 1995. In that letter, Mr. King offered to post an additional \$89,000 to bond those portions of the Drum Mine site remaining to be transferred from WSMC to Jumbo Mining Company. This amount is in addition to the \$143,000 already posted, and Mr. King specifically recognized in his letter that his proposed bond would necessarily be subject to inflation, consistent with DOGM policies, thus increasing the total amount of his offer.

When Mr. King's proposed total bond is inflated to the year 2000, consistent with the DOGM estimate, the total amount of the bond which Mr. King has already offered to post is \$273,005. This amount is only \$20,295 less than the DOGM estimate of the total reclamation bond necessary for the original Drum Mine site.

Thus, it is apparent that no substantial difference exists between the reclamation bond proposed by DOGM for the original Drum Mine site and the amount that Mr. King has already offered to post. Therefore, WSMC <u>demands</u> that DOGM require Jumbo to post immediately an additional \$150,300, so that the remainder of the permit can be promptly transferred. There is no reason for further delay. It is obvious that DOGM's estimate is reasonable, and tracks Mr. King's previous offer very closely. Please advise us when we can expect the balance of the permit to be transferred.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lowell P. Braxton Lee Foreman Mike Keller

COMPARISON OF DRUM RECLAMATION/SURETY AMOUNTS

JUMBO'S PROPOSAL LETTER OF FEBRUARY 8, 1995 VS. DOGM LETTER OF JULY 10, 1995

JUMBO'S PROPOSAL OF FEB. 8, 1885

1. TOPSOIL 55,000 YD, "harvest and spread" at a cost of	
something less than \$0.50 per yd. (1995 Dollars)	\$ 25,000
2. DOGM estimate of May 22, 1989 (inflated five years at that time to 1994 Dollars)	64,000
Total Additional to existing JUMBO bond	89,000
3. Existing JUMBO bond (also based on 1989 est. inflated to 1994 Dollars)	143,000
Total Proposed Drum Bond	\$ 231,000
Inflate to Year 2000 to be consistent with DOGM:	
25,000 X (1.028) (to the 5th power) 64,000 X (1.028) (to the 6th power) 143,000 X (1.028) (to the 6th power)	\$ 28,702 75,533 168,770
Total (Year 2000 Dollars)	\$ 273,005
DOGM 7/10/95 Estimate:	
WSMC'S PORTION OF ORIGINAL ENTIRE SITE JUMBO'S PORTION OF ENTIRE SITE	\$ 124,700 168,600
Total (Year 2000 Dollars)	\$ 293,300
Difference (DOGM vs. Jumbo on Year 2000 Basis)	•